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Marginal Column

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WILLIAM REMINGTON was sentenced on Thursday to five years' imprisonment and fined \$2,000. He was convicted of perjury on the jury's first vote for denying under oath that he had ever been a member of the Communist Party. The prosecution brought evidence to prove that in 1947, when he was 19 years old, Remington had associated with Communists and asked others to join the Party. There was no direct evidence that Remington himself had ever carried a Party card. The Federal Bureau of Investigation produced witnesses who knew the accused 15 and 16 years ago at Dartmouth College and Knoxville, Tennessee, where he worked for a year between his sophomore and junior years. They described him as a college kid who went around in dungarees and dirty sandals, associated with Communists, and tried his hand at organizing unemployed in the Communist Front Workers Alliance. His ex-wife testified for the prosecution that both had pledged each other before their marriage to be Communists, but she was vague about actually joining the party and paying dues. Possibly they were not Communists in the formal sense, she admitted. Like Alger Hiss, he was nominally convicted of perjury, but actually for giving false information to a Communist agent, namely Elizabeth Bentley, the same self-confessed courier who testified against Hiss.

REMINOTON, six-foot-three, blond, conservatively-dressed, still looks like a college boy, except for the beginning of a slight paunch. On the stand, he traced his early radicalism to his religious upbringing, admitted that he sometimes had called himself a "bolshhevik," usually to shock his listeners, but denied that he had ever joined the Communist Party or attended a Party meeting. After his return to Dartmouth from Tennessee, he swung to the right and joined the anti-Communists in the American Student Union. Other witnesses testified how Remington, a Communist in the American Student Union and after the war, in which he served as an ensign in the Navy, he helped drive the Communists out of the American Veterans Committee. His superiors in the government (where his rise in the service was rapid from a \$2,000 a year to a responsible executive position at \$10,000) told the jury that Remington favoured aid-to-Britain during the era of the Hitler-Stalin pact and pushed war mobilization policies which the Communist press attacked.

WHY prosecute a man with a long record of anti-Communist activity, even if he did join the Communist Party when he was a 19-year-old stripling in Knoxville? He was not an important man in government like Alger Hiss. He did not accompany Franklin Roosevelt, to Yale. But he did have a \$10,000 a year job in the Department of Commerce. And many persons are still trying to prove that the New Deal was a Communist conspiracy executed by underground Communists such as Alger Hiss and William Remington, who covered up their loyalty to Russia by ostensible anti-Communist activity.

MOST of the trial audience and the press found Remington guilty long ago. He admitted being radical and an associate of Communists in his youth, but that was enough. The New York evening papers had featured writers who specialized in Communist exposés covering the trial. All of them bet on a guilty verdict. The middle-aged jury did not have an easy time. They were of a different generation. This is a different era. Some of the jurors may have sons and daughters who grew up in the depression years and helped the Spanish Republic in the late thirties.

WITH the sirens blowing in practice for the day when a Soviet atom bomb may be dropped, how can a jury judge the mind of a young man a dozen years ago when Hitler and Mussolini were crushing the Spanish Republic in preparation for further aggression?

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Metal Cost: 40,000 Days, IL.100,000 Pay

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—About 40,000 work days and IL.100,000 in wages have been lost so far in the lock-out and strike in the metal industry during the past three weeks, a meeting of metal workers was told here today. The meeting was addressed by Mr. E. Becker, head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department; Mr. E. Schechter, of the local Labour Council; Mr. Berl Repetier, of the Histadrut Executive, and Mr. S. Zeidenberg, of the Metal Workers Union.

Mr. Zeidenberg said that only 3,500 of the 8,000 metal workers were affected by the lock-out, which was not complete. This statement was tonight denied by Manufacturers' Association spokesmen who said that the work stoppage was complete.

No Meetings Held
It is understood that Mr. Becker had last week proposed to the manufacturers that factories engaged on export orders or on work for the market should continue production, but this suggestion was rejected by the employers.

There was no contact between the two sides over the weekend, and no further meetings were held with the Government inquiry committee.

A half-hour warning strike by all industrial workers is scheduled for nine o'clock on Monday morning. The strike should continue production, but this suggestion was rejected by the employers.

The strike of microbiologists and medical chemists called for today has been cancelled, as negotiations are now in progress with medical institutions.

Arabs Report Two More Attacks
Two new attacks on villages in Jordan-held territory have been reported by "Falastin," the Old City daily.

On Friday, the paper reports, armed Jews killed Salah Ahmed, a veteran of the Palestine fighting, his son and daughter, at his home in Falama village, south of Tulkarm. The attackers were said to have approached the house under cover of darkness, and opened fire with automatic weapons and grenades.

Protest to U.N.
Arab Legion patrols, which arrived in the morning, discovered ammunition and empty magazines, and followed tracks which are said to have led across the lines.

A protest was submitted to the U.N. asking for an emergency meeting of the M.A.C. On Thursday night armed Jews allegedly kidnapped a National Guardsman from Salim, east of Nablus.

Four Hurt in Train, Mine Accidents
A Kibbutz Be'er truck was blown up by a mine on the Faluja-Bait Jibrin road in the Negev on Friday morning. One of the passengers was injured.

Three persons were injured early on Friday when a truck owned and driven by Yehzekiel Fuchs, of Petah Tikva, collided with the Rosh Ha-Ayin-Lydda train locomotive, and burst into flames at the Migdal Zedek-Petah Tikva level crossing.

Half Ton Hashish Seized
BEERSHEBA, Saturday.—A half ton of hashish worth IL.100,000 was seized by an Army patrol when a smugglers' caravan was ambushed last week on its way from Jordan to Egypt. Shots were exchanged, but the smugglers got away. This is the largest amount of hashish yet confiscated by the Army.

IL.1 Notes Genuine
Two IL.1 notes found in Ramatayim and Ramat Gan on Thursday and suspected of being forgeries have proved to be genuine, according to the police. No forged IL.1 notes have yet been found, it was said.

A woman was detained for interrogation and later released on bail in Holon on Friday for attempting to deposit a forged IL.10 note in the Workers' Bank.

COUNCILLORS TO MEET
The first national two-day conference of local councilors will be opened at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Ohel Shem Hall in Tel Aviv under the sponsorship of the Ministry of the Interior.

(See Editorial)

Defend Europe Only by Sea and Air, Hoover Says

NEW YORK, Saturday, (Reuter).—Former Republican President Herbert Hoover in a nation-wide broadcast last night said that the way to punish aggressors "is from the air and sea and not by land armies." In his second major speech on foreign policy in six weeks, Mr. Hoover said that the Atlantic Pact "certainly meant that no American forces should be sent to Europe prior to an attack."

He was less caustic about the U.N. than in his address six weeks ago, saying: "hailing and faulting as it (the U.N.) may be, we cannot abandon this idea and this hope." Mr. Hoover urged the U.S. to "look and listen" before risk-taking a land war with Russia, which he said would "risk the loss of all civilization."

Mr. Hoover, who at 76 is America's only living ex-President, appeared to soften the tone of his December 20 speech, in which he urged the U.S. to withdraw from Europe and Asia and "make the Western Hemisphere a defensive Gibraltar against Communism."

But he did not abandon his air philosophy, which President Truman later called isolationism.

Not Isolationism
Mr. Hoover said, "I am not advocating isolationism, but if we should fail, we may be isolated by force of circumstances and against our will."

Mr. Hoover suggested a ten-point foreign policy program based on:

1. Production of an air and naval strength and modernization of our land armies.
2. Use of each power against Russia if the Europeans are attacked.
3. Supporting of assistance to nations to defend themselves.
4. Having the creation of land armies and modernization of our land armies.
5. Europe's developing military strength and unity before Russia.
6. A production of national spirit "to a level we can carry over a long term of years."
7. The defense of Persia, the Middle East and Japan by air and sea, a call by the U.N. for a cessation of supplies to China from the non-Communist countries.
8. The defense of China and the freedom of China and the freedom of the world.
9. Full independence of Japan and Western Germany the sooner the better.
10. The second line of air and sea defense based on the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans and the Mediterranean Sea.

Commenting on the speech, the New York Times said: "Mr. Hoover proceeds from the fundamental assumption that the numerical superiority of the Communists makes war inevitable, and that Asia can be defended only by locally mustered strength, which would be withdrawn from Europe to a second line from which war could be carried to the enemy."

Ex-Mufti Urges War on Israel

KARACHI, Saturday (Reuter).—Amin el-Husseini, former Mufti of Jerusalem, declared last night at the World Moslem Conference, of which he was elected president, that it was the bounden duty of the entire Moslem world to "liberate Palestine." "There is a constant danger that other countries might meet the same fate as Palestine, because what happened in Palestine is the direct result of an organized conspiracy to destroy all Moslem countries one by one," he declared, asking for the formation of an Islamic Bloc. "The world should not be apprehensive about such a bloc, since Islam is a religion of peace," he added.

The Aga Khan, spiritual leader of the Ismaili Moslems, appealed to the peoples of Pakistan to make Arabic their national language rather than Urdu. The message was read on his behalf, as he is indisposed.

P.C.C. Head Discusses Refugees in Cairo
The future of the Arab refugees was discussed in Cairo on Friday by M. Claude Bousanger, chairman of the Palestine Conciliation Commission, Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, and Salah el-Din, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, according to an ANA report from Cairo.

HAIFA EMPLOYEE SACKED FOR HIDING DOLLARS
HAIFA, Saturday.—The Municipality Executive, supported by the Haifa Labour Council, on Thursday suspended Yitzhak Cohen, Municipal accountant, after \$500 were allegedly found in his shoulder pad as he was boarding a plane for Rome at Lydda Airport on Wednesday night.

The Arab governments have been informed by Iran of this decision and they are now considering their attitude, the Cairo daily said.

U.N. BACK IN SEOUL

U.S. to Keep Army in Japan After Treaty

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter).—Mr. John Foster Dulles, President Truman's special envoy, negotiating a peace treaty, said today that U.S. suggestions that an American army remain in Japan after the conclusion of a peace treaty. Mr. Dulles gave the first official intimation in Tokyo a week ago that the U.S. government was ready to lend its support to a formal Pacific alliance.

He told the American-Japan Society: "We are prepared to combine our power with that of others in mutual defense." He said the U.S. would support the United Nations Charter. Japan, if it is disposed to protect itself against indirect aggression can, if it wishes, share collective protection against direct aggression.

Mr. Acheson stated in Washington this week that the U.S. was now open-minded on a Pacific Alliance. His assistant secretary said in Philadelphia that the U.S. would take a sympathetic interest in such a development.

Observers here consider the question of membership may be a stumbling block. Australian reason would probably be violent against the inclusion of Japan as an equal partner.

U.S. HEARINGS ON TROOPS TO EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Saturday, (Reuter).—American government leaders in the Senate have announced a surprise decision to hold hearings in public on the government's policy of sending troops to Europe.

Defense Secretary George Marshall, Secretary of State Dean Acheson and General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will give evidence at the hearings, to begin next Thursday.

Swedish Battalion At U.N.'s Disposal

STOCKHOLM, Saturday (AP).—A mechanized Swedish infantry battalion with Swedish arms and equipment is to be placed at the disposal of the U.N. The move is in accordance with a recommendation submitted to the Swedish government today by the Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish army, Lieutenant-General C. A. Ehrensvard.

The battalion may not be used in tropical, sub-tropical or arctic countries nor may it be used in too distant countries, such as Korea, the General stressed in his recommendation. The force will total 1,000 officers and men, and consist of volunteers who enlist for a three-year term. Conscripts will be used if the total number is not reached on a voluntary basis.

U.S. to Modernize M.E. R.A.F. Bases
NEW YORK, Saturday (INA).—The "New York Times" reports from London today that some Royal Air Force bases in the Middle East will be modernized by the U.S. under an Anglo-American air agreement shortly to be completed. The U.S. will adapt the airfields for use by heavy American bombers.

What the location of these bases is being kept secret. "The Times" declared that they may include installations in the Canal Zone, Cyprus, Bahrain and Amman.

Work Beginning in Turkey
Reliable military sources reported today that the U.S. Secretary of Air, Mr. Thomas H. Dyer, will discuss plans for the modernization of strategic airfields in Turkey on his arrival in that country. Mr. Dyer's mission is also to arrange for the improvement of airfields at Casablanca, Rabat, Marrakesh, Maison Blanche, Tunis, and Tripoli, to enable their use by the latest type jet bombers.

U.S., U.K. to Sponsor Kashmir Resolution

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).—Britain and the U.S. will jointly sponsor a resolution in the Security Council next week with the aim of solving the dispute over Kashmir between India and Pakistan, an authoritative source said here yesterday.

The basis of the Anglo-American scheme would be to hold a plebiscite in the Vale of Kashmir, as being the key to the area in dispute, and to provide U.N. supervision.

DEEP FREEZE GIRL RECOVERING

CHICAGO, Saturday, (UP).—Chicago's "deep freeze" woman made medical history today by wiggling her fingers and toes. That simple act amazed her doctors—already amazed by her remarkable improvement—that they might be able to save her arms and legs.

Doctors at Michael Reese Hospital said that for the first time she "dared to hope" that Mrs. Dorothy Mae Stevens, 25-year-old Negro woman, who was found in an alley on Thursday morning frozen into a condition "similar to rigor mortis," her temperature was 44 degrees F., the lowest in medical annals.

U.N. BACK IN SEOUL

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter).—South Korean spearheads today reached the heart of the shattered, rat-infested "ghost city" of Seoul. British and American tank and infantry columns occupied the South Korean capital's industrial suburb of Yongdongpo. Advance units of a U.N. task force also entered Incheon, the deserted port of Seoul. Kimpo airport, eight kilometers west of Seoul, was taken by the American 25th Infantry Division. The Chinese seem to have given up the vital Seoul-Incheon area in the same way they had captured it—without a fight. Chinese resistance collapsed suddenly and they fled northward, after Lieutenant-General Matthew B. Ridgway's Eighth Army cracked the last Communist defenses south of the Han River—which runs through Seoul—three days ago.

Seoul has changed masters four times within eight months. Three days after the North Koreans crossed the 38th Parallel on June 25 last year, Seoul fell. The U.N. regained it after the Incheon landings. The North Koreans took it again on January in the Allied retreat from the Chongchun river. It remained 37 days under Communist control.

During the last part of the Communist occupation, almost countless heavy shellfire from naval guns of a U.N. fleet commanded by British Vice-Admiral W. G. Andrews hammered Communist troops and installations in the Incheon and Seoul area day and night. They were backing up the Eighth Army's ground offensive started 16 days ago as a "limited objective" attack.

Allied patrols reported that the Chinese had sown extensive minefields around Incheon and Seoul. There were also indications that Seoul had been well-bombarded.

The first British tank to enter Yongdongpo on the southern outskirts of Seoul advanced through the silent, wrecked town and down to the banks of the Han River. The main part of Seoul nestles across it beneath a ring of hills. By the time the remainder of the tank squadron had swung into Yongdongpo, the inhabitants ventured into the streets from their shelters to wave South Korean flags which had been mysteriously preserved during the Communist occupation.

In one corner of the town, American and British troops unearthed 2,000 shells, which were stored in barrels in a battered brewery. But they had little chance to toast their success. American officers placed a strong guard around the brewery.

Cuba Asks U.S. To Run Its Production
WASHINGTON, Saturday, (Reuter).—Cuba has offered to devote her industry and manpower to meet the U.S. defence production needs.

The offer, described as unprecedented by Assistant Secretary of State Edward G. Miller, would in effect allow American mobilization officials to direct another country's production.

A Cuban delegation of six leading industrialists and the country's two chief labour leaders yesterday laid the unique plan before the National Production Authority, which approved the proposal and asked the Cubans to translate their offer into specific terms. It had already been explained to the State Department.

Burke Hedges, President of the Cuban Manufacturers Association, said the U.S. would pay for the products it bought. He declared: "We were not coerced into coming here to offer Cuba's help. We not only came here on our own free will but we originated the idea. Commensurate with the police state methods used by Russia. They beat their allies over the head to get cooperation."

Francisco Aguerre, leading Cuban labour leader, said labour unions in Cuba were "heartily behind the plan. The Cuban offer 'called the bluff' of totalitarian Communism and added a new source of production and a manpower pool to use as they wished."

The offer, one official said, would give mobilization officials a new source of production and a manpower pool to use as they wished.

Beria, Soviet Polibureau Member, Reported in Prague

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter).—Lavrenti Beria, close friend of Stalin and leading member of the Soviet Politburo, is believed to be in Prague supervising a purge of Czechoslovak Communists, the French Socialist Party newspaper, "Le Populaire," said today. The newspaper said he had gone with Deputy Premier Valerian Zorin, a former Ambassador to Prague, whose arrival in Czechoslovakia was reported earlier this month from Vienna.

The newspaper said the reported disappearance of Dr. Vladimir Clementis had touched off a wave of arrests, including that of Mme. Pavlova, Communist Deputy and Dr. Clementis' sister-in-law.

For the first time since the former Foreign Minister disappeared from his office in the State Bank nearly a fortnight ago, informed Czechoslovak sources today expressed an opinion on the case. Some official Czechoslovak circles minimized the case in a manner which appeared to amount to a half-administration. Dr. Clementis had indeed fled the country, at least been deprived of his liberty.

If Western rumours were true, then the government, and the state as well, were well rid of him, the source said. But Western interpretation that the case indicated a split in the Czechoslovak Communist Party was utterly beside the point, as merely displayed the complete ignorance of the position in Czechoslovakia, it was stated.

Plan for Pooling W. Europe Transport

PARIS, Saturday, (Reuter).—A "Schuman Plan" for quicker, cheaper and easier transport in Western Europe was approved here yesterday by a special transport committee of the Council of Europe.

The plan would "pool" European road, rail, water and air travel and goods transport, producing greater speed, efficiency and convenience.

Cables in Brief

A LOCUST swarm covering eight square miles was reported from Amman to be near the south shore of the Dead Sea yesterday. 1,500 deaths from influenza last week brought Britain's casualty list from influenza and pneumonia in this winter to 11,111.

THE CZECH government claimed that two U.S. jet planes flew over an airfield near Prague in daylight on Thursday. An official note also says that on Monday four Dakota-type planes flew several times well into Czech territory.

THE COMMUNIST-sponsored World Peace Council has accepted an invitation from the East German Peace Fighters Committee to hold a four-day meeting in East Berlin from February 21 to 24.

SOVIA radio reports that an international conference of fascists is to be held in Spain shortly. Sir Oswald Mosley, West German Nazis and neo-fascists from Italy will participate.

FAITZ Thyssen, the German industrialist who helped Hitler to power and then broke with him, died in Buenos Aires on Thursday aged 77.

THE WHOLESALE price rise in the U.S. last week broke all records for 12 consecutive weeks in spite of the government's price freeze. The price freeze was intended to halt prices at the highest levels between December 19 and January 25, but many farm products were excluded.

THREE children were killed in Argentina, Bolivia, and another was killed when a grenade left over from the war, exploded while they were playing with it. PAKISTAN and Afghanistan have signed agreements with the U.S. under the Point Four Programme for aid to under-developed countries. Pakistan will receive technical aid worth \$40,000,000. FIVE firemen were drowned yesterday when their fire engine plunged into Rotterdam Harbour near burning ships and a pool of blazing oil.

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